

Transportation Investment Act of 2010

Regional Transportation Funding Opportunity

The Transportation Investment Act (TIA) allows voters in the metro Atlanta region to provide funding for transportation projects and programs over a 10-year period through a one percent sales tax.

Why Now?

The metro region is in the midst of a transportation funding crisis. The motor fuel tax is the primary source of federal and state funding for transportation. As cars become more fuel efficient, this revenue source continues to decline. Effective and diverse transportation options are critical to the metro region's economic future. Forecasts indicate that without an additional funding source, there will not be enough money to even maintain the existing network, let alone expand.

How Regional Transportation Funding Works

The TIA calls for the formation of a Regional Roundtable, made up of local elected officials. With input from residents, the Roundtable will draft a project list to be funded with the additional sales tax revenue. The voters then determine through a referendum whether to increase the sales tax to support these projects.

The metro Atlanta Roundtable is made up of the chairman (or CEO) and one mayor from each county in the region and the Mayor of Atlanta. The Roundtable has two primary activities — to adopt criteria by which potential projects will be assessed and to determine a list of projects that will go before the voters. To do this, Roundtable members work closely with the State Planning Director, an Executive Committee — which

consists of five Roundtable members, two members of the House of Representatives and one member of the Senate — and gather extensive public input. Local governments also have the opportunity to submit projects for consideration.

The project list — which can include transit, new roads, road maintenance, pedestrian and bike improvements and technology updates — is finalized in October 2011 and put before the voters for their approval in the General Primary in August 2012. If a majority of the region's population votes "yes" in the referendum, new funds will be available from 2013 to 2023.

- All money raised in the region, stays in the region.
- The list of projects that citizens approve in the referendum is developed by elected officials.
- 15% of all funds raised in the region are returned directly to local jurisdictions to use on transportation projects they identify.
- Without new transportation resources, our region's economic future is at serious risk.
- Metro Atlantans may not get another opportunity to say "yes" to traffic solutions.

Metropolitan Atlanta region:

Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale counties.



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